2. (*a*).

	No. of Applications.
Applications from Government Officers as such.	Nil.

	No. of applications.	Amount Bh. Rs.
Applications from agriculturists—1111 ...	318	5,04,525
Applications from agriculturists—1112 ...	70	1,04,845

(*b*) 1111 ... ... 26 applications,
1112 ... . 1 application.

(*c*) Twelve meetings of the Board of Management of the Bank were held in 1111 and two in 1112.

Silting up of the Periyar from Vazhakkulam to Tottumukku.

67. *Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the major part of the Periyar river from Vazhakulam to Tottumukku in the Alwaye pakuthi has been silted up and rendered unfit for transporation of cargo during the period from Dhanu to the middle of Edavam every year; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, how long it is since the silting began?

Mr. K. Madhava Kurup: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No information is available.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: With reference to the answer to part (*a*) may I know whether the public are not put to serious inconveniences?

Mr. K. Madhava Kurup: As a matter of fact, there is considerable silting from Malayattur up to Alwaye and Varapuzha. Government have recently sanctioned a maintenance estimate of Rs. 50 per mile for all the 20 miles for canalising the river.

Text-Books.

68. *Mr. J. John Kattakayam: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether "Pathinnalu Vritham" can be bought for one chuckram;

(*b*) whether any notification has been published in the Gazette stating that students are not purchasing text-books selected by the Government;

(*c*) the price of "Bhagavath Doothu" of Mr. T. T. Kesavan Sastri, approved by the Government:

(*d*) whether anybody else has published this book with preface and commentary;

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